

REMARKS

The applicant acknowledges with thanks the Examiner's allowance of original application claims 1 to 12 and 18 to 24.

In response to the Examiner's objection, original claim 13 has been amended to incorporate all of the limitations of previous claim 14. Previous claim 14 has been cancelled to reflect the amendments to the base independent claim. As the Examiner indicates on page 2 of the office action that original claim 14 was objectionable but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including the limitations of base claim 13, it is believed that the amendment to claim 13 are such as to traverse the Examiner's objection over MacGregor and place this application in allowable form.

As objected claims 15, 16 and 17 now depend either directly or indirectly on claim 13, it is furthermore believed that the amendments to claim 13 are such as to traverse the Examiner's objections to claims 15 to 17 in view of MacGregor.

Accordingly, it is believed that the aforementioned claim amendments are such as to fully respond to all of the Examiner's objections and distinguish the claimed invention over the cited art.

It is submitted that the foregoing amendments are such as to comply with the formal matters raised in the Official Action with the result that this application is now in condition for allowance.

If for any reason the Examiner is of the view that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at 1-416-961-5000 so that an interview may be arranged to expedite allowance of this case.

Respectfully submitted,

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